

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act – Proposal for diversion of **3.3163 ha** of Forest Land to erect New 132 KV DC line from proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Kallur to the proposed 220/133 KV SS Chandrugonda in Bhadradri thermal Power Transmission Scheme for evacuation of power from 4 X 270 MW units at Manuguru in favour of TSTRANSCO – **Final (Stage-II)** approval – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 22

Dated: 08-07-2020

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Ref.No.4201/2017/FCA-3/PS, Dated:13.12.2018.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.4990/For.I(1)/2018, Dt:15.02.2019.
3. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSB148/2019-CHN/0401, dt.08.03.2019.
4. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Ref.No.4201/2017/FCA-3/PS, Dated:20.09.2019.
5. State Govt. Lr.No.4990/For.I(1)/2018, Dt:20.12.2019.
6. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSB148/2019-CHN/0210, dt.06.02.2020.

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ORDER

In his letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **3.3163 ha** of Forest Land to erect New 132 KV DC line from proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Kallur to the proposed 220/133 KV SS Chandrugonda in Bhadradri thermal Power Transmission Scheme for evacuation of power from 4 X 270 MW units at Manuguru in favour of TSTRANSCO.

2. In their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Chennai for according necessary approval.

4. In their letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **3.3163 ha** of Forest Land to erect New 132 KV DC line from proposed 220/132/33 KV SS Kallur to the proposed 220/133 KV SS Chandrugonda in Bhadradri thermal Power Transmission Scheme for evacuation of power from 4 X 270 MW units at Manuguru in favour of TSTRANSCO under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

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- 2) Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by the Forest Department by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount realized from the User Agency, before commencement of the project work;
- 3) The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 10.50 ha (out of 11.03 ha) in Compt No.32 of Pengadappa RF and Darcherla Bear, Ramavaram Range, from the amount realized from the User Agency.
- 4) The State Government shall submit a revised map of the degraded forest land of 10.50 ha (out of 11.03 ha) identified for CA purpose;
- 5) Minimum of 1000 plants / ha of diverted area shall be planted in the degraded forest land identified for CA. in case, the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
- 6) The degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA shall not be left unspent;
- 7) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- 8) The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line, from the amount realized from the User Agency;
- 9) The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 27 mtrs;
- 10) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- 11) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- 12) The User Agency shall provide fire wood, preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage / tree felling;
- 13) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- 14) Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the transmission lines;
- 15) The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird defectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits'

- 16) All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees and felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary and unavoidable;
  - 17) The State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of trees wherever feasible, at the cost of the User Agency;
  - 18) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Court Orders and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects;
  - 19) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.3163 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
  - 20) The progress in Compensatory Afforestation under the jurisdiction of Kothagudem Forest Divisions shall be monitored by the respective Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;
  - 21) Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
  - 22) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the existing rules and Ministry's guidelines issued thereunder from time to time.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

Dr.RAJAT KUMAR,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC).

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**  
The TSTRANSCO, Hyderabad.  
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